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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Cost of Living in the [REDACTED] Station

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1. We have worked very closely with this problem over a period of months. I believe the recommended solution is not only legally unassailable, but is the only solution which makes sense. On the legality, I believe attempts to get legislation would be unwise and unnecessary. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] We have repeatedly held that this authority is not to be used for the sake of administrative convenience, but we have as consistently been of the opinion that where the Agency's needs require this authority can and should be used.

2. I think it highly probable that this arrangement, if approved, will become open knowledge to some degree and that we may be called to account for it by the Executive Branch, the Congress, or the Comptroller General. If so, I have no hesitation in saying that the study made of this problem amply demonstrates the impediment to the Agency's activities and justifies the proposed solution. In short, I feel that the housing can and should be furnished in the manner proposed, with, of course, continuing close review in order to make appropriate adjustments one way or another in the event circumstances change materially.

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